

BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION OF THE
VISIT OF
MAJOR GENERAL MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE
TO
CHARLESTOWN & BOSTON
24 AUGUST 2024



The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company
of Massachusetts

MAJ Michael Andrew Fish

Captain, Commanding

&

Alan Hoffman

President of The American Friends of Lafayette
welcome our honored guests to this historic occasion.

h
9:00AM-11:00AM

Pre-Parade Reception

Location - Commandant's House Charlestown Navy Yard

h
11:00AM

Leave for Parade and Boston Common

Luxury Coach is provided. Guests are also welcome to use private transportation.

h
11:30AM

Parade Units Step Off from Faneuil Hall

h
12:15PM

Pass in Review and Commemorative Ceremony

All VIP guests will be seated under the Pass in Review Tent

Boston Common

h
1:30PM

VIP Reception

Grand Lodge of Freemasons in Massachusetts

Hosted By Grand Master George Forest Hamilton

Ordre de Lafayette Special Ceremony

Gérard Charpentier, PhD,

Grand Cross of the Ordre de Lafayette and President of the Ordre de Lafayette, America

2nd LT Robert V. Collins, Graduation Officer

Graduation Officer

LT John Mitchell, Chairman

BG John Driscoll (ret), Vice Chairman

LT Shervin B. Hawley, Designer

LAFAYETTE: THE HERO OF TWO WORLDS

The Marquis de Lafayette is often referred to as the "Hero of Two Worlds" because of his significant contributions to both the American and French Revolutions.

Lafayette arrived in America in 1777, at just 19 years old, to support the American colonies in their fight for independence from Britain. He quickly became a close confidant of General George Washington and played a crucial role in several key battles, including the Battle of Brandywine and the Siege of Yorktown. His efforts were instrumental in securing American independence, and he was celebrated as a hero upon his return to France.

Back in France, Lafayette continued his fight for liberty and equality. He was a key figure in the early stages of the French Revolution, advocating for a constitutional monarchy and the rights of citizens. He helped draft the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen, a foundational document of the revolution. Despite facing imprisonment and political turmoil, Lafayette remained committed to his ideals of freedom and justice.

LAFAYETTE'S TRIUMPHANT VISIT TO BOSTON IN 1824

In the summer of 1824, the Marquis de Lafayette, a revered hero of the American Revolutionary War, embarked on a grand tour of the United States. Among the many stops on his tour, Lafayette's visits to Charlestown and Boston, Massachusetts, were particularly memorable.

Lafayette arrived in Boston on the evening of August 23, 1824. His arrival was met with great fanfare and excitement. He stayed overnight at the Governor's Mansion, the Shirley-Eustis House in Roxbury, as a guest of Governor William Eustis. He was invited to Faneuil Hall by the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. Similar to today's commemoration, a grand procession of 70,000 people escorted him to the Boston Common. Here, he was greeted by the city's schoolchildren and received a formal welcome from Governor Eustis at the State House.

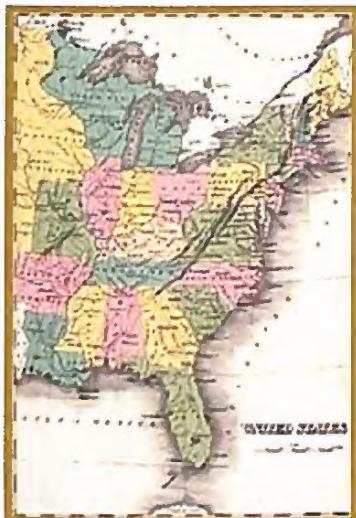
On August 27, 1824, Lafayette visited Charlestown, where he was informed about the upcoming 50th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill. This visit was a precursor to the grander celebration that would take place the following year, where Lafayette would lay the cornerstone of the Bunker Hill Monument. His initial visit to Charlestown was marked by a warm reception and a deep sense of historical significance, as he revisited the site of one of the pivotal battles of the American Revolution.

Lafayette's 1824-1825 tour of America was more than just a nostalgic journey; it was a powerful reminder of the enduring bonds between the United States and France, and a celebration of the ideals of freedom and democracy that both nations held dear.

ORDRE LAFAYETTE ORDER

BICENTENNIAL OF LAFAYETTE'S FAREWELL TOUR

1824-1825 / 2024-2025



Lafayette visited the 24 States of the United States. Map created by Anthony Finley (1824)

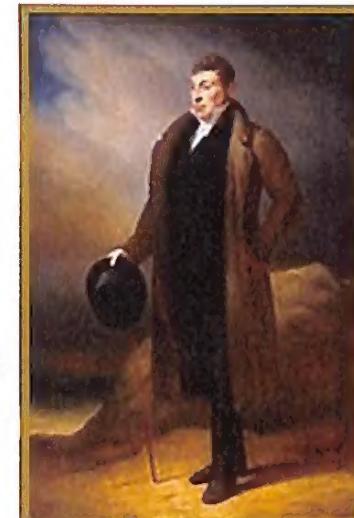
President, Grand Cross Commander Ordre Lafayette

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THIS COMMEMORATIVE DIPLOMA
IS AWARDED TO

Captain John Wilder
Commanding Officer Aleppo Minutemen

IN RECOGNITION OF ATTAINING THE RANK OF
KNIGHT
OF THE ORDRE LAFAYETTE ORDER



Marquis de Lafayette in 1824
Portrait by A. Scheffer, hanging in U.S. House of Representatives



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August 14, 2024 - September 7, 2025



ORDRE LAFAYETTE ORDER

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DÉCLARATION

Déclaration des droits de l'Homme et du Citoyen du 26 août 1789
Les Représentants du Peuple Français, constitués en Assemblée Nationale,
ont résolu d'exposer, dans une Déclaration solennelle, les droits naturels, inaliénables et sacrés de l'Homme, afin que les réclamations des citoyens, fondées désormais sur des principes simples et incontestables, tournent toujours au maintien de la Constitution et au bonheur de tous.

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U.S. CONSTITUTION

The United States Constitution ratified March 4, 1789

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Captain John Wilder
Commanding Officer Aleppo Minutemen

Knighted during the Bicentennial Lafayette's Tour
commemorations in Boston on August 24, 2024

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in collaboration with the

Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company

cordially invites you to attend the
events in celebration of the

Lafayette Tour Bicentennial

on

Saturday, August 24, 2024

to begin at the Armory at the

Faneuil Hall

4 Faneuil Hall Market Place, Boston

Events

Complimentary Breakfast	9:00 A.M.
Parade Assembly	10:30 A.M.
Parade	11:00 A.M.
Laying of a wreath at the Lafayette Mall	
Pass & Review	
Cannon Salute at Boston Common	
	<u>12:00 P.M.</u>
Ceremonies celebrating General Lafayette	

Reception

Following the events
a light lunch will be served
to you and your guest at the

Boston Commandery Armory
Sixth floor

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts Building
186 Tremont Street, Boston

Please return the enclosed card before
August 13, 2024

For more information, please to contact

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The Bearer of this VIP Pass is entitled to
Admittance to all Lafayette Day Boston Events Hosted by
the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts
and the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts



Boston Young Guard
Commandant's Office

Franklin House
Breakfast



Faneuil Hall M.L.D. Armory
Ancient Honorable Artillery Co.

VIP Tent at Boston Common
Pass and Proclamation



Order Lafayette
Academy

Grand Master's VIP
Reception at Grand Lodge

VIP Pass



Lafayette Day Boston 2024

AUGUST 14, 2024

